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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT NYERERE ON ZAMBIAN
COMPLAINT IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA

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1. PRESIDENT NYERERE WAS COMPLETELY TAKEN UP OVER WEEKEND WITH VISITS SOMALI PRESIDENT BARRE AND MOZAMBIQUE PRESIDENT MACHEL. HE LEFT ALMOST IMMEDIATELY AFTER THEIR DEPARTURE FOR FOUR-DAY TOUR OF COUNTRYSIDE. I WAS NOT ABLE DELIVER SECRETARY'S MESSAGE REFTEL BUT GOT WORD TO NYERERE OF ITS SUBJECT AND HE SUGGESTED WE MEET AUGUST 6 OR 7 UPON HIS RETURN. ORDINARILY, I WOULD PREFER TO WAIT FOR PERSONAL MEETING SO AS TO HAVE CHANCE TALK ABOUT BARRE AND MACHEL VISITS.

2. HOWEVER, AFTER NYERERE'S DEPARTURE FOR BUSH, I WAS INFORMED MORNING AUGUST 3 BY HIS PERSONAL ASSISTANT THAT HE IS NOW EXPECTED TO HAVE TO LEAVE DAR AGAIN SOMETIME ON AUGUST 7. RATHER THAN RISK BEING SQUEEZED OUT AT LAST MINUTE LATER IN WEEK, I PROPOSE TRANSMIT MESSAGE EITHER THROUGH CHIEF OF PROTOCOL OR PRESIDENT'S PERSONAL ASSISTANT, EITHER OF WHOM, I BELIEVE, WOULD BE RELIABLE AND CONFIDENTIAL CHANNEL. UNLESS INSTRUCTED TO CONTRARY AT OPENING OF BUSINESS LOCAL TIME AUGUST 4, I WILL DO SO THAT DAY.

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3. INCIDENTALLY, ALTHOUGH US ABSTENTION ON ZAMBIAN COMPLAINT HAS

DRAWN ONE SOUR EDITORIAL IN DAILY NEWS, TANGOV OFFICIALS DO NOT SEEM VERY CONCERNED WITH MATTER. EVEN MOZAMBIQUE FOREIGN MINISTER CHISSANO, WHO STOPPED IN DAR AUGUST 2 ON HIS WAY BACK FROM UN, DID NOT RAISE POINT PUBLICLY. (CHISSANO DID, HOWEVER, GIVE PRO FORMA CONDEMNATION OF "REPORTED US PRESSURE ON UK TO INVADE RHODESIA".)
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